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ON THE ROBBERS' TRAIL.

Evidence that Rudolph Family Had a Part in the Union Bank Robbery.

NITRO-GLYCERINE PLANT FOUND IN HOUSE

Detective and Deputy Sheriffs, Aided by People of the Neighborhood, Keeping on the Trail of the Outlaws, and the Prospects for Escape Are Small.

Union, Mo., Jan. 27.—Evidence which fastens the crime of the Union bank robbery upon William Rudolph and Fred Lewis, beyond doubt, and which incriminates the entire Rudolph family, has been discovered here.

It was the disclosure of a small nitro-glycerine plant in the Rudolph home, Monday.

Rudolph and Lewis, however, are safe for the time at least in the fastnesses around Buford, Mo., and though the posse is keeping up its search, it is striking no trails.

Assistant Superintendent Charlesworth, of the Pinkertons, is at the head of the posse near Buford.

A Deputy on the Trail.

Deputy Sheriff Bruch, armed with a Winchester, left here Monday morning, single handed, to hasten to Shotwell, where he hopes to get a trail as to the fleeing men.

Lewis is wounded. He may be unable to keep up with Rudolph, and Rudolph is too desperate a man to let Lewis fall into the posse's hands alone.

"Dead men tell no tales," is his motto, and it is believed he will certainly kill his confederate if the emergency arises.

Deputy Sheriff Vedder and Pinkertons meantime are searching the Rudolph family, father, mother, daughter, and a neighbor, George Harnes, who are in jail here.

The developments of Monday's search of the Rudolph premises are by far the most important since the inquiry was begun into the Rudolphs.

Found \$800 in Cash.

After the arrest of the family Sunday the deputies returned and found \$800 in cash. This, in the light of Monday's developments, is undoubtedly part of the \$14,000 secured from the Union bank. Deputies returned to the Rudolph home Monday and in prying about discovered a closet on the first floor. It was securely fastened. Tools were secured and the door was forced open.

A perfect nitro-glycerine plant was revealed. Carboys and bottles of hydrochloric acid, nitric acid, sulphuric acid, alcohol and all manner of chemicals used in the manufacture of the high explosive were stored in the closet. Further search there also revealed drills and a complete outfit of tools.

Entire Country in Arms.

The Rudolph family's guilty knowledge of the existence of these articles in the house will undoubtedly implicate them.

Advised received from Stanton at two o'clock Monday afternoon by the officials of the Union bank, state that \$90,000 worth of the stolen securities were found on the Rudolph premises early this afternoon.

The reward of \$1,500 for the bodies of Rudolph and Lewis, dead or alive, and the general indignation has stirred the entire country to arms.

A Good Hiding Place.

The cabin where the battle took place is situated at the Old Door mines near the Bourboise river. The abandoned shafts and caves generally afford an excellent hiding place for criminals, but just now the ground is covered with snow and for that reason they could be tracked. It is just the place and environment for an outlaw gang's rendezvous.

CONFESSES TO MOOG MURDER.

Albert Turk, of Collinsville, Ill., Admits that He Took Part in Killing the Aged Man.

St. Louis, Jan. 27.—Emil Turk, 23 years old, son of Albert Turk, a respected citizen of Collinsville, Ill., arrested Sunday for burglary and highway robbery, made the startling confession to Assistant Chief of Detectives Keely, Monday afternoon, of complicity in the murder of John Moog, an old cigarmaker, at 104 South Fourth street, on last Christmas eve. The confession was obtained after the prisoner had been sweated by Keely for some time.

According to Turk's version there were three men implicated in the murder. He was the look-out, stationed on the sidewalk in front of Moog's cigar store to watch for the police, while the other two went inside to kill Moog. He says that he received \$15 for the part he took in the crime, but does not know how much the other men got. He was simply handed \$15 and told that it was his share, he said.

ROBBERS AND OFFICERS FIGHT

Pinkerton Detective Killed in a Fight With Alleged Bank Robbers, Both of Whom Were Wounded.

Charles J. Schumacher, a Pinkerton detective from St. Louis, was killed in a battle with two men, William Anderson and Fred Lewis, who are supposed to be the robbers of the bank at Union. Anderson is also thought to have been wounded in the head.

Since the robbery of the Union bank the Pinkertons, in conjunction with the Missouri authorities, have made every effort to apprehend and capture the bold marauders. Detective Schumacher, who had been detailed on the case, received a "tip" to the effect that two of the robbers were William Anderson, alias Rudolph, and Fred Lewis, a painter from St. Louis, who was staying at the home of Anderson's stepfather, Frank Rudolph, near Stanton, in Franklin county. The house is a ramshackle affair, standing near the mouth of the Old Door mines, an abandoned hole, and near the Bourboise river. The shafts and caves with which the region abounds afforded the robbers a splendid hiding place, according to the information Schumacher received, and he was told that to capture them would be a difficult task.

The detective was not to be daunted, however, and he made his way to Stanton, where he made himself known to the authorities, and Deputy Sheriff O. L. Vedder and two special deputies were sworn in to aid him in the capture. The party left Stanton and started toward the Rudolph home. Stealthily they approached the house, but just as they were within a few feet of the door a fusillade came from within and the officers fled to the underbrush. All escaped but Schumacher, who fell, his body being riddled with bullets. After gaining cover the officers opened fire, and one of the robbers, supposed to be William Anderson, was shot in the head, but the wound is thought to have been a trivial one, as he and his companion, after routing the deputies, made their escape.

Vedder and his companion made their way back to Stanton and reported the result of the expedition to the authorities at Union. Sheriff Bruch immediately formed a posse and started in pursuit of the robbers. He divided the posse, consisting of 12 men, into two parts, and each party took a different road in the direction in which the thieves had gone. One branch of the posse came up with the two men, one of whom had a handkerchief wrapped around his head and seemed weak from the loss of blood. The robbers were seated on the ground when the posse approached, but at the sight of the pursuers leaped to their feet, and, mounting their horses, started to flee, firing as they rode. The posse pursued, returning the fire, and one of the robbers, the one without the handkerchief on his head, gave a cry of pain and lurched forward in his saddle. His companion rode closer to him and, throwing his arm around the man in a supporting manner, galloped away. The members of the pursuing party escaped injury.

Robbers Got Big Hooty.

An important fact which has been brought out is the admission of A. W. Hoffman, cashier of the Union bank, that the men who looted that institution at 1 o'clock on the morning of December 27 secured \$110,000 in securities, as well as \$14,000 in cash. The fact that Detective Schumacher made no mistake when he "spotted" Anderson and Lewis as the robbers was proven beyond a doubt when \$800 of the money taken from the bank was found at the bottom of a cistern on the Rudolph place.

Franklin County in Arms.

Not since the days when the James and Younger boys rode at large in Missouri, robbing banks, holding up trains and terrorizing the inhabitants of the smaller interior cities of the state, has any similar event caused such intense excitement as the two pitched battles fought near Stanton. Franklin county is in arms, and posses are scouring the country for traces of the robbers.

May Kill His Companion.

From the traces of blood left by the robbers it is believed that Lewis is seriously wounded, and persons who know Rudolph predict that in case he sees that his companion is unable to escape, rather than let him be taken by the officers he will kill him.

Rudolph Family Arrested.

The entire family living under Rudolph's roof has been arrested and taken to Union. The family consists of Frank Rudolph, the stepfather; Esther Harnes, the sister, and George Harnes, the uncle to William Anderson, who is said to have been one of the gang that tortured Mr. and Mrs. Schwartz with red-hot irons at Dry Branch in 1893.

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